

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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3693

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/8/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10 and 12-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communication is in response to applicant's paper filed on 8/8/2007 (Request for Continued Examination – RCE).

#### **Status of Claims:**

Claims 1-9, 11 are canceled.

Claim 10 has a status of "Withdrawn – currently amended", which is non-compliant. Examiner assumes a typo error and the claim has status of "currently amended".

Pending Claimed Allowed: 10, and 12-19.

#### ***Drawings***

1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the submitted drawing are hand made drawing, which are, not acceptable. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 10 and 12-19 are pending and have been allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter allowance:

Independent claims 1 (method claim), and 19 (system claim) are allowed because the closes prior art references of Shyla Sangaran, May 22, 2000 "Getting the fell of trading stocks online", New Straits Times, Kuala Lumpure and Selleck (US 2001/0049651) in any combination failed to teach or render obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, a method, a system of a simulator having an award participants of awarding each participant an item of value in an amount awarded at the end of the investment period that is equal to all of any representative net profits the participant simulated during an investment period and sending information about the simulated trades from the simulated trading system to a hedge operations server for execution of actual trading in order to hedge the risk of needing to earn money.

#### **Additional Relevant Prior Art**

US 6,709,330 (Klein et al.) "Stock Simulation Engine For an Option Trading Game. Klein et al. does not disclose sending simulator information for actual trading.

(NPL)

"Phosphorous markets", James T Holter. Futures. Chicago: Feb 1998. Vol. 27, Iss. 2; pg. 64, 3 pgs discloses stock market simulators presenting which emulates real trading.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T. Dass whose telephone number is 571-272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James A. Kramer can be reached on 571-272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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